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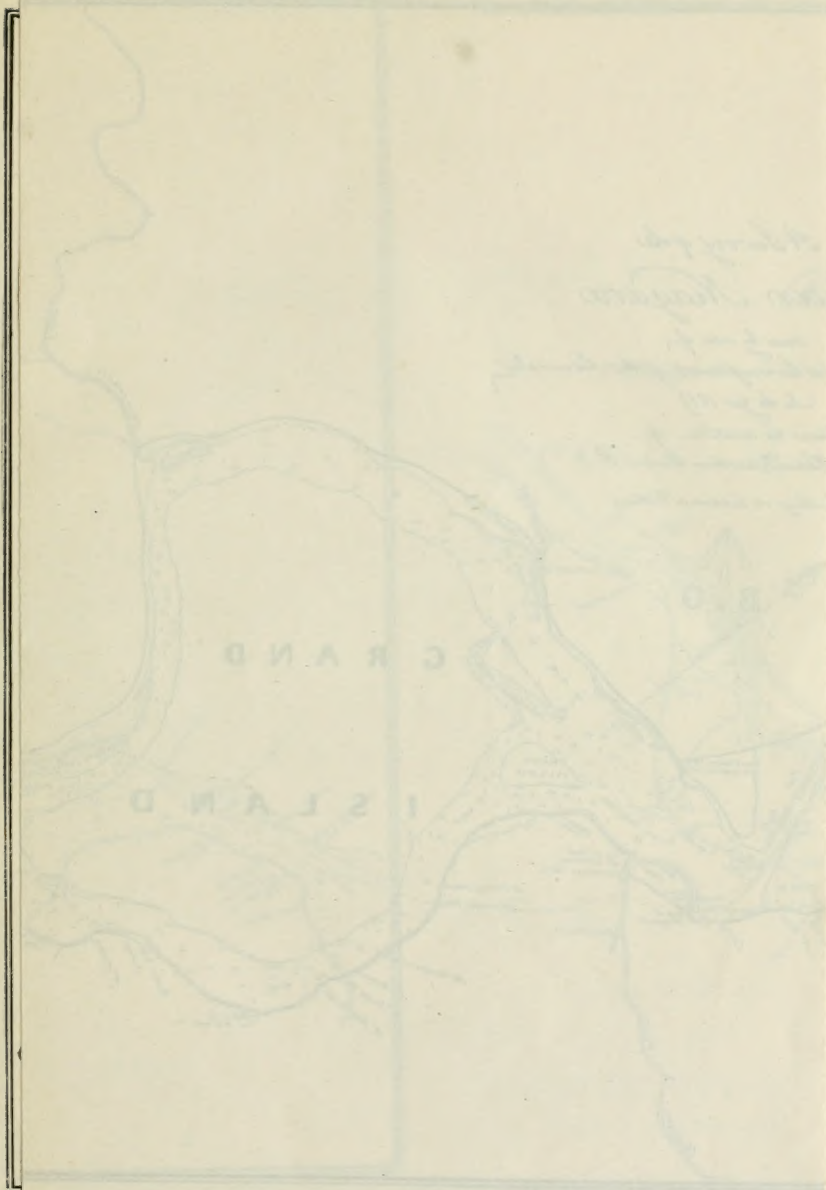
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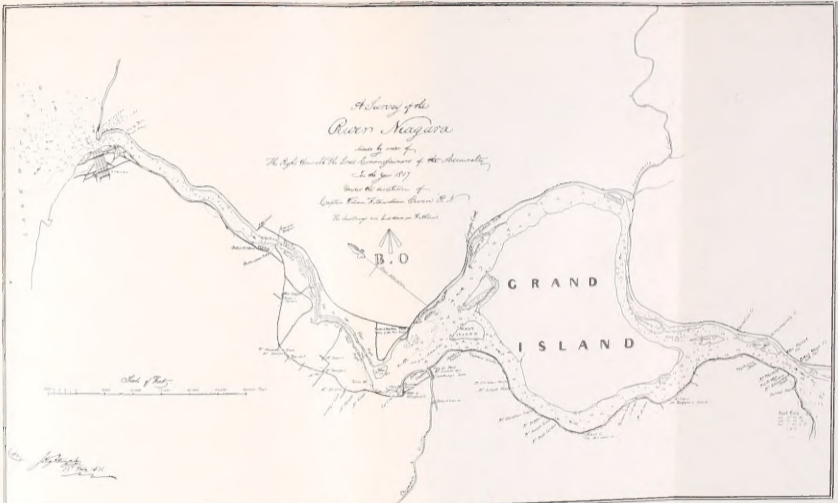
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TRANSACTION No. 19

1. District General Orders of Maj.-Gen. Sir Isaac Brock from June 27th, 1812—Oct. 16th, 1812.
2. Instructions sent to Officers commanding Forts, by Major-General Brock shortly before the attack on Queenston.

PREFATORY NOTE

These orders, with other papers, were sent to Sir Isaac Brock's family in England by his aide-de-camp, Major Glegg, who, with his cousin and private secretary, James Brock, took charge of his personal effects in Upper Canada. They are now in the possession of his great niece, the daughter of his biographer F. B. Tupper, by whose kind permission we are enabled to print them.

Certain of these orders—in whole or in part—have been printed in Col. E. Cruikshank's *Documentary History of Niagara*.

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Brock's Last District General Orders

Orders by Major-General Brock.

D.G.O.

NIAGARA, 27th June, 1812.

No. 1. Colonel Proctor will assume the command of the troops, between Niagara and Fort Erie. The Honorable Colonel Claus will command the militia, stationed between Niagara and Queenston; and Lieut.-Colonel Clarke from Queenston to Fort Erie.

No. 2. The Commissariat, at their respective posts, will ration and fuel, for the numbers actually present; the Car Brigade horses, and those of the Provisional Cavalry are included in this order. Officers commanding corps or detachments, will sign the necessary certificates previous to issuing the rations.

3. The detachments of the 41st Regiment stationed at the two and four-mile points, will be relieved by an equal number of the 1st Lincoln Militia to bring blankets with them on service.

4. The troops will be kept in a constant state of readiness for service, and Colonel Proctor will direct the necessary guards and patrols, which are to be made down the bank, and close to the water's edge.

5. Lieut.-Colonel Nicholl is appointed Qr.-Master General to the militia forces, with the same pay and allowances as those granted to the Adjutant General.

By order of the Major-General,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

NIAGARA, 29th June, 1812.

Lieut. McClean, of the 41st Regiment, is appointed to act as aide de camp to Colonel Proctor, and is to be obeyed as such; he will receive pay and allowances accordingly till further orders.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

NIAGARA, 2ND JULY, 1812.

The troops will be formed into four divisions to be composed of regulars and militia as follows:

First, or right division, commanded by Capt. Derenzey, 41st Regiment:

Detachment 41st Regiment	200
Detachment of Militia	200
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With two three-pounders.	400

Second, or right centre division, commanded by Capt. Bullock, 41st Regiment:

Detachment of 41st Regiment	100
Detachment of Militia	200
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With two six pounders.	300

Third, or left centre division, commanded by Capt. Chambers, 41st Regiment:

Detachment of 41st Regiment	100
Detachment of Militia	200
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With two three pounders.	300

Fourth, or left division, commanded by

Detachment of 41st Regiment	200
Detachment of Militia	300
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With Artillery	500

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These divisions to be posted in the following manner:

- First, or right division.....Fort Erie
 Second, or right.....Chippewa
 Third, or left centreHeight of Queenston
 Fourth, or leftFort George

These detachments of militia for the first division will be furnished by the Third Lincoln Regiment and will be commanded by—

The detachment of militia for the 2nd Division will be furnished by the 2nd Lincoln Regiment, and will be commanded by—

The detachment of Militia for the 3rd Division will be composed of the flank companies of the 5th and 6th Regiments of Lincoln, and will be commanded by Captain Hall. *

*Probably a mistake of the copyist for Hatt.

Samuel Hatt came from England about 1798 and settled near Ancaster. His sister, Susannah, married Col. Johnston Butler, who was killed November 20th, 1812, in the attack on the batteries opposite Black Rock by Gen. Smythe. Samuel Hatt married Margaret Thompson, of Niagara. He commanded the detachment of the 2nd York and 5th Lincoln, which accompanied Sir Isaac Brock to Detroit, consisting of three officers, three N.C.'s and fifty-nine rank and file. He commanded the 3rd Militia Division at Queenston from July, 1812, until after the Battle of Queenston. After the war he settled at Chambly, L.C.

His brother, Richard Hatt, came with him to Ancaster about 1798. He was the first to utilize the water privileges of the Dundas Valley, where he erected saw, grist, and carding mills. In 1799 he was married at Ancaster to Mary Cooley, U.E. Peter Desjardins, the projector of the canal which bears his name, was associated with him commercially, beginning apparently as his bookkeeper. In the war Major Hatt commanded the militia at Fort Erie under Colonel Bishopp, when the attack under General Smythe was repulsed and Colonel Johnston and Captain John Lottridge were killed. At Lundy's Lane Major Hatt's command formed part of Colonel Hercules Scott's reinforcement which after much counter-marching arrived on the scene of battle at 9 p.m. Here he was severely wounded. After the war both brothers Hatt became J.P.'s. Richard was also 1st Judge of the Gore District Court, and in 1816 he represented the Gore District in the Legislative Assembly. The silver communion service of St. James' Church, Dundas, was presented by Richard Hatt and his wife in 1817.

—From papers of the late H. H. Robertson.

The detachment of Militia for the 4th Division will be composed of the flank companies of the 1st and 4th Lincoln Regiment, and will be commanded by Lieut.-Col. Butler.

The 1st and 2nd Divisions will receive their orders from Lieut.-Col. Clarke, the 3rd and 4th from Col. Claus, to whom the said Divisions will respectively report.

Reports of all occurrences of consequence will at the same time, be made to Major-General Brock and to Col. Proctor.

Morning States will be regularly transmitted to the Brigade Major's office by Col. Claus and Lieut.-Col. Clarke.

Officers in command of Militia Regiments will direct the officers of their respective corps (not embodied) to use every exertion to discipline the men under their command, and to have them in constant readiness to march to their respective posts on the shortest notice; they will at the same time give orders for their moving to the point attacked on the first alarm without waiting for orders to that effect.

Colonel Proctor will appoint the stations of the detachments of light dragoons and will particularly direct that they shall not be detached from their posts, except on urgent occasions.

James Muirhead, Esq., is appointed surgeon to the militia forces, and will be stationed at Chippewa with the pay of 10s. per diem and the usual allowances.

The officers in command of divisions will be allowed forage for one horse on furnishing the usual certificate.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 9th July, 1812.

The following proportions of officers and non-commissioned officers will be entitled to receive pay and allowances:—

ESTABLISHMENT:—

	Capt.	Sub.	Sergt.
For every company embodied for service consisting of 30 rank and file..	1	2	2
For ditto consisting of 45, and not exceeding 80	1	2	3
For ditto consisting of 80 men and upwards	1	3	4

For every 250 men, one field officer, and so in proportion. The difference of pay between a subaltern and adjutant will be allowed for every 200 men. A paymaster will be appointed for the district of Niagara, who will muster on the 23rd or 24th of every month all the corps stationed between Niagara and Lake Erie; pay lists are to be certified on oath by the captains of companies, and the officer commanding division (whether of the line or militia) will examine and certify their belief as to the correctness of the accounts.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

Memorandum—

In consequence of the above order the circular letter from his Honor the President to officers commanding regiments dated April 8th, 1812, is rescinded, and officers commanding regiments are directed to transmit to headquarters an account of the actual expenses which have been incurred under it.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 9th July, 1812.

The militia forces in the district will be provisioned in the same manner both as to quantities and species of provision as the regular troops.

There being no branch of the Commissariat establishment in the London district, from whence supplies may be derived, the proportion of troops called out for the defence of that dis-

trict will be allowed their full pay so as to enable them to supply themselves.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 23rd July, 1812.

No. 1 Grand Rounds will be established along the whole line, from Four Mile Creek to above Fort Erie; the officers to perform this duty betwixt Four Mile Creek and Queenston are Lieut.-Col. Short, Cols. Claus and Butler, and Major Merritt; the hours at which these officers make their rounds are left to their own discretion, only that they are not to commence before 11 o'clock. Captain Saunders will select from his command the necessary officers for the performance of this duty from Queenston to the extent of his command on the Chippewa Road, and Lieut.-Col. Clarke will make arrangements for the performance of this duty, betwixt the port at which his command commences on this side Chippewa to above Fort Erie.

2. Lieut.-Col. Myers, Deputy Quartermaster-General, being arrived, all reports and communications relating to that department will be directed to that officer agreeable to the standing regulations, dated 12th August, 1811.

3. Lieut.-Col. Walter Kerr, of the Glengarry Light Infantry, will continue to do duty with the 41st Regiment until further orders.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 12th July, 1812.

No. 1. At all times when vessels shall arrive at any of the ports in this command, a boat will be immediately dispatched by the officer commanding the post with a proper person on board, to ascertain the number and description of the passengers on board, and who will not be permitted to land until leave is first obtained from the commanding officer

unless such passengers should be officers in his Majesty's employ.

2. It having been reported to the Major-General commanding that one or two of the sentinels placed on the bank of the river Niagara have fired upon persons on the opposite shore without orders for so doing, he has been pleased to express his disapprobation of such irregular conduct, and to direct that officers commanding at the different posts on the communication will take the necessary steps to prevent a repetition of such discreditable practices.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 12th July, 1812.

Mr. John Symington is appointed paymaster to the militia forces stationed in the Niagara district with the pay of 10s. per day and allowances as captain, to take place from the 1st inst. Mr. S. will afford every assistance to officers in command of militia corps, so as to enable them to make exact returns (paying particular attention to the broken periods), and on which he will take his measures for immediately bring (ing) forward his pay list to 24th July.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

NIAGARA, 16TH July, 1812.

The officers on duty this morning were exceedingly remiss in allowing a boat within four miles Mississaga Point without reporting it until too late for it to be intercepted. Col. Claus will adopt the necessary measures to guard against its recurrence in future; a proper person will be stationed at the top of the lighthouse half an hour before it is daylight, to remain throughout the day, who will be particularly instructed to

watch whatever passes on the lake and on the enemy's side of the river, the officer on duty will frequently visit him to assist him in making the necessary observations.

The Major-General was surprised this morning to find that the order for the apprehension of all strangers travelling on any part of this communication was not complied (with), and that avowed Americans were permitted to parade the streets and examine the works with impunity. Col. Claus will explain to every officer and militia man that it is expected (whether on or off duty) that they will stop all suspicious characters and take them before a magistrate for examination.

Officers commanding posts will not only examine the arms, accoutrements, and ammunition in use, but likewise those which the men or furlough have left in store, and see that the whole be in a state fit for service, they will report having done so.

Notice will be taken on the back of the morning report of any orders that have reached them during the day, the date and purport of the days already received will be inserted on the back of the morning report of next Monday.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 22nd July, 1812.

No. 1. Captain Chambers, of the 41st Regiment, is appointed to the command of a division of the army, to serve in the western and London districts, with the local rank of major.

Major Chambers will exert himself so as to be able to march this evening, and will make the best of his way with the forces to be put under his command to the Moravian Village. Major Chambers will in the first instance receive his orders from the Major-General Commanding.

No. 2. Captain Saunders will succeed Major Chambers in

the command on the division stationed at Queenston, to which post he will instantly repair.

3. Lieut. Lenn, of the 41st Regiment, is attached to, and will proceed with, the forces under the immediate orders of Major Chambers.

4. Heads of departments and officers commanding corps will attend every morning at 9 o'clock at Government House, there to receive the Major-General's commands.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 23rd July, 1812.

Mr. Cyrus Sumner is appointed surgeon to the division under the command of Major Chambers, with the pay of 7s. 6d. per day and the usual allowances.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 26th July, 1812.

All reports and communications relating to the Guards (to go) through the field officer of the field offices of the Grand Rounds, to the Major-General, or officer in the immediate command of the forces.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 31st July, 1812.

The garrison clerk at York being for the present discontinued, the Major-General commanding approves of Corporal Henry Glover, of the 41st Regiment, being appointed to act as such at Fort George, with the pay of 1s. army pay, per

diem, in addition to his present pay, and until further orders is attached to the Brigade Major's office from the 24th inst.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 31st July, 1812.

No. 1. The Major-General commanding is happy to announce to the troops under his command the surrender of the fort at Michilimackinac, together with its ordnance, stores, etc., to his Majesty's arms, the garrison prisoners of war. Too much praise cannot be given to Captain Roberts, who commanded, as well for his firmness and judgment during the preparations made for the attack, as to his prudence which controlled the feelings of his forces after the enemy surrendered. The Major-General thanks those gentlemen, etc., in the neighborhood who so honorably contributed to Captain Robert's exertions, and is pleased with the conduct of the Indians who on this occasion (directed by the generous feelings of Britons) spared that enemy, which otherwise they would have annihilated.

No. 2. The Major-General announces with pride and satisfaction the complete repulse of the enemy by that part of the army stationed at Amherstburg, on two separate occasions, and thanks them for their gallantry. The militia behaved honorably, the Indians with the most determined spirit, but the conduct of the 41st Regiment commanded the admiration of all who witnessed their heroic valor. If the enemy is thus made to sustain severe losses at the threshold of our territory by a *small* but determined band of united troops, what has he to expect from the whole physical force of the province actuated by ardour and loyalty worthy of their sires.

3. Commanding officers will be attentive in ascertaining that all general orders are read to the troops composing the militia force.

4. Mr. James Cummins is appointed to act in the Commissariat Department, with the pay of 10s. per day and forage for one horse, from the 25th inst.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 1st August, 1812.

Paymasters to the militia will be appointed at York, Fort George, Amherstburg, and Kingston, who will regularly muster the militia on the 24th of each month, or as soon after as possible; the officers in charge of the Commissariat at Fort George, Amherstburg, Kingston, and York will issue to the paymasters the amount of the monthly estimate of the militia, which are to be certified by commanding officers of the post, whether of the line or militia.

The pay list will be certified on oath by the captains or officers in command of companies, and the officers commanding the militia will examine and certify their belief as to the correctness of the account.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 1st August, 1812.

No 1. During the absence of Col. Proctor, Lieut.-Col. Myers will take upon himself the general superintendence and direction of the forces stationed on the line of communication betwixt Fort George and Fort Erie.

2. A subaltern will be directed to make visiting rounds from Fort George, commencing with the white house guard and ending at Four Mile Point once during the day, once during the night, and once in the morning, the latter to be made between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock. Captain Saunders will direct a subaltern to perform the same duty from Queenston to the Four Mile Point, subject to the same regulations; the officer for this duty will be taken from the 41st Regiment and the

militia agreeable to their strength, and will report to the field officer of the Grand Rounds.

3. The sick of the militia stationed at Fort George pronounced as hospital cases, will be admitted as patients into the 41st Regiment Hospital, subject, however, to the same regulations and orders with respect to stoppages, etc., as those established for soldiers of the line.

4. Mr. Lafferty is appointed assistant surgeon to the militia forces, and to do duty with the division stationed at Chippewa.

No. 5. Until further orders all guards and sentinels stationed at the outposts are excused from turning out, or paying compliments to any officer, whatever may be his rank.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. M.

D.G.O.

YORK, 5th August, 1812.

Lieut.-Col. Myers will assume, during the absence of Col. Proctor, the command of the district of Niagara.

Major-General Shaw, having offered his services in any manner in which they may be useful, Major-General Brock is pleased to appoint him to command between Chippewa and Sugar Loaf, as colonel of militia, with the pay and allowances of lieut.-colonel.

It is to be understood that no officer in the militia when embodied, will receive a higher rate of pay than lieut.-colonel, and that officers of every rank are subject to the same deduction as the line, including the income tax.

The field officer of the Grand Rounds will collect the written reports from the officers and non-commissioned officers in charge of guards, and in the performance of other duties, who will enclose them in his own written report to the officer in command of the post where he may be stationed.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

YORK, 4th August, 1812.

The business of the Commissariat at this post having been decreased, Major-General Brock has appointed Mr. William Stanton to act as paymaster to the militia for the York district until further orders. Mr. Stanton is to receive no pay for performing this duty, other than what he derives from his situation in the Commissariat Department.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 12th August, 1812.

No. 1. The sick of militia capable of attending will assemble every morning in rear of their respective parades, for examination by a medical officer, and the quarters of those not able to attend will be signified by an officer of the company to which such sick belong, to the attending medical officer.

2. Fort Major Kemble will be pleased to take charge of the letter box, to whom heads of departments and officers belonging to the garrison having letters to forward to the east or westward will send them. Major Kemble will be pleased to receive such letters and forward them by the first opportunity.

3. Commanding officers of the militia and officers in the command of companies who have not already provided themselves with orderly books, will do it without delay, as it is expected they will be produced at all general inspections.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 5th August, 1812.

No. 1. The troops in the Niagara district will be under arms so as to fall in on their respective parades every morning at daylight, an hour after which time the men for

guards, picquets, and fatigues will assemble, and be regularly marched off for their respective duties.

No. 2. All drills for the militia will take place after guard mounting in the morning, and at 6 o'clock in the evening, at which time the officers will be most particular in the examination of the men, arms, appointments, etc., and report forthwith every deficiency discovered.

3. Captain Holcroft, of the Royal Artillery, will arrange as to the manner and place of parade for the field artillery, and will also make arrangements for the distribution and drill of that proportion of the militia allotted for the service of the different batteries and ear brigades.

No. 4. The places of parade will be considered, the alarm posts, to which in cases of alarm the troops will instantly repair, and it is to be understood that no commanding officer of a corps, or any other, will, for a moment, leave their division, corps, or company without orders for so doing, from the officer commanding at the post.

No. 5. It having been reported to the officer in command that the quarters of the militia are in a very dirty state, he cannot too thoroughly impress upon the minds of the officers generally that on cleanness alone is to be expected health and comfort to the men; they will therefore see a necessity for the utmost vigilance and attention on their part to this essential particular.

6. The officer in command holds the officers and non-commissioned officers in charge of posts along the line of communication responsible that both the men attached to their post and guns are in every sense of the word at all times completely ready to meet the open attacks of the enemy; no excuse can be received for the want of any species of appointment and ammunition. At this moment commanding officers of detachments are enjoined to look to this, as it is the intention to make frequent and general inspections of corps and posts in order

to ascertain that attention has been paid to this necessary command, and it is further ordered that a weekly inspection be made by the officer commanding at each post, and the result transmitted to the Brigade Major.

No. 7. Should any of the batteries be attacked, they are to be defended to the last extremity, but in the event of any one being completely overpowered, the men defending such battery will fall back in a cool, regular manner to the next one, and so on till they are enabled by increased strength to resist the enemy.

8. All requisitions for ball cartridge and flints are to be transmitted in the first instance by officers commanding corps or posts to the officer commanding for his approval, which will afterward be transmitted by them to Captain Holcroft commanding Royal Artillery, who will give directions for the issue.

9. No officer or soldier is to be permitted to sleep out of quarters without special permission being first granted by the officer in command of the post, to which such officer or soldier making the application may belong.

10. Major Merritt will be pleased to keep two dragoons in constant readiness, saddled, etc., during the day and night for the immediate performance of any duty required of them.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 17th August, 1812.

Lieut.-Col. Myers, in the absence of Major-General Brock, has the heartfelt satisfaction to congratulate the troops in general of the Niagara District on the further brilliant successes obtained over the enemy by the brave band stationed at Amherstburg. On two recent occasions detachments from the force have penetrated thirty miles into the enemy's territories,

and although contending against 4 times their numbers, have invariably put them to flight with a loss of from two to three hundred in killed and wounded; the fruits of these victories have been the desertion of the Indians from the American interest, the capture of their supplies of provisions, and the interception of Governor Hull's despatches, wherein he describes the deplorable situation of his army. Regulars, militia, and Indians vied with each other in feats of valor and enterprise, our loss compared with that of the enemy has been trifling, though it is to be regretted those brave officers, Capt. Muir and Lieut. Sutherland, 41st Regiment, should have been wounded in these services.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 18th August 1812.

Until further orders the following captains will take their tour of Grand Rounds, viz., Captain Hamilton, Dragoons; Captains Crooks, Nelles, Moore, and McCuen, of the flank companies.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 19th August, 1812.

Major-General Sheaffe having arrived at this post to assume command of the Niagara District, all reports and communications will, until further orders, be made to him.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 20th August, 1812.

Orders having been received for a cessation of hostilities, commanding officers of corps and those at the head of departments will give the necessary directions to the troops under their orders of the event, so that ignorance may not be pleaded in excuse for any act of hostility committed by them after the receipt of this order. It is by no means to be understood, however, that the least relaxation is to take place in our exertions; on the contrary, the Major-General expects unremitting vigilance and attention to discipline from all ranks, by the aid of which we may look forward with confidence to an honorable issue should hostilities be recommenced.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 21st August, 1812.

Major-General Sheaffe has very great satisfaction in announcing to the troops the surrender of the Fort Detroit, with Brigadier-General Hull and the N.-Western Army of America under his command, consisting of 2,500 men. This important success was gained by Major-General Brock at the head of 700 of the 41st Regiment and volunteer militia, with the co-operation of 600 Indians, it in no small degree contributes to the joy of which such an event is calculated to excite that brilliant achievements have been effected without loss on our part, it also affords particular gratification to the Major-General to add that the commander who so nobly planned the enterprise bestows the highest commendation on the gallant little band that executed it.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

G.O. HEADQUARTERS, POINT AUX PRINCE, 12th August, 1812.

It is Major-General Brock's intention, should the wind continue fair, to proceed during the night, officers commanding boats will therefore pay attention to the order of sailing as directed yesterday; the greatest care and attention will be required to prevent the boats from separating or falling behind. A great part of the bank of the lake where the boats will this day pass is much more dangerous and difficult of access than any we have passed, the boats will therefore not land except in the most extreme necessity, and then great care must be taken to choose the best place for beaching.

The troops being now in the neighborhood of the enemy, every precaution must be taken to guard against surprise.

By Order,

(Signed) J. B. CLEGG, A.D.C.

G.O. HEADQUARTERS, AMHERSTBURG, 14th August, 1812.

Major-General Brock announces his arrival to the troops in the western district, and directs officers in command will immediately transmit returns of their respective corps. The Major-General congratulates the troops on the evacuation of the country by the enemy, he is persuaded that nothing but the spirit manifested by those who have remained doing duty, and the judicious measures adopted by Col. Proctor, have compelled him to so disgraceful a retreat. Col. Elliott, Major McKee, and the officers of the Indian department are entitled to his best thanks for their judicious management of the Indians, and for the example of gallantry which they have uniformly shown before the enemy. The Major-General cannot avoid expressing his surprise at the numerous desertions which have occurred from the ranks of the militia, to which circumstance the long stay of the enemy on this side of the river must in a great measure be ascribed. He is willing to believe that their conduct proceeded from an anxiety to get in their harvest, and

not from any predilection for the principles or government of the United States.

He requests officers commanding corps to transmit to him the names of such militia men who have remained faithful to their oath and duty in order that immediate measures may be taken to discharge their arrears of pay.

The enemy being still in the neighborhood, the whole physical force of the country will be employed to drive him to such a distance as will ensure its tranquillity. Officers commanding militia corps are responsible that every individual bound to embody himself according to the law does immediately repair to his station, in default of which he will be treated as a deserter and subjected to all the penalties of the new militia laws.

Captains Muir, Tallon and Chambers, 41st Regiment, Capt. Glegg, 49th Regiment; Capt. Mockler, Royal Newfoundland, and Capt. Dixon, Royal Engineers, are appointed to the rank of majors so long as the local service on which they are employed continues.

The troops in the Western District will be formed into three brigades:

1st Brigade. The first under Lieut.-Col. St. George to consist of a detachment Royal Newfoundland Regiment and of the Kent, 1st and 2nd Regiments of Essex militia.

2nd Brigade, under the command of Major Chambers, consisting of fifty men 41st Regiment and the whole of the detachments of the York, Lincoln, Oxford and Norfolk militia.

3rd Brigade, under Major Tallon, will consist of the remainder of the 41st Regiment.

Col. Proctor will have charge of the whole line under the orders of the Major-General.

James Givens, Esq., late Captain of the 5th Regiment, is appointed Provincial Aide de Camp with the rank of major in the militia.

By Order,

(Signed) J. B. GLEGG, A.D.C.

G.O. HEADQUARTERS, AMHERSTBURG, 15th August, 1812.

The troops will be in readiness to embark at McKees Point at 3 o'clock to-morrow morning, Col. Elliot will proceed during the night, with the Indians to the eastern shore of the River Rouge and upon his communicating with the general, the boats will immediately commence crossing the Detroit River and land the troops between River Rouge and Spring Wells. Col. Elliot will place the Indians in a position to take the enemy on flank and rear, should he be disposed to oppose the landing. Lieut.-Col. St. George will march his brigade this evening and canton them in the houses close to the spot at which the embarkation is to take place. The Officers of the Commissariat will make the necessary arrangements to supply the troops with provision and every other article required by the different departments during the operations of the troops in the field.

Each man will receive one gill of spirits per day; the number for which provisions are to be drawn may be calculated at 2,000.

By Order,

(Signed) J. B. GLEGG, A.D.C.

G.O. HEADQUARTERS, DETROIT, 16th August, 1812.

Major-General Brock has every reason to be satisfied with the conduct of the troops. he had the honor to lead this morning against the enemy. The state of discipline which they so eminently displayed and the determination they evinced to undertake the most hazardous enterprise decided the enemy, infinitely more numerous in men and artillery to propose a capitulation the terms of which are herewith inserted for the information of the troops.

The Major-General requests Col. Proctor will accept his best thanks for the assistance he derived from his experience and intelligence.

The steadiness and discipline of the 41st Regiment and the readiness of the militia to follow so good an example were highly conspicuous, the ability manifested by Captain Dixon, Royal Engineers, in the choice and construction of the batteries and the high state of the Royal Artillery under Lieutenant Troughton, afforded the Major-General much gratification and reflects great credit on those officers.

The willing assistance given by Captain Hale and the Marine Department during the whole of the service has been very conspicuous and the manner the batteries were served this morning evinced a degree of steadiness highly commendable.

Lieutenant Dewar, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General, afforded strong proof by the local knowledge he has acquired of the country of an unremitting attention to his duty, and the care and regularity with which the troops were transported across the river must in a like manner be ascribed to his zeal for the service. To Lieutenant-Colonel St. George, Majors Tallon and Chambers, who commanded brigades, every degree of praise is due for their unremitting zeal and attention to their several commands. The Detachment of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, under the command of Major Mockler, is deserving of every praise for their steadiness in the field as well as when embarked in the King's vessels.

The Major-General cannot forego this opportunity of expressing his admiration at the conduct of the several companies of militia, who so handsomely volunteered to undergo the fatigues of a journey of several hundred miles to go to the rescue of an invaded district, and he requests Major Salmon, Captains Hatt, Heward, Bostwick and Robinson, will assure the officers and men under their respective commands that their services have been duly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

The Major-General is happy to acknowledge the able assistance he has derived from the zeal and local information of Lieutenant-Colonel C. Nicholl, Acting Quartermaster General

to the Militia; to his personal staff the Major-General feels himself under much obligation, and he requests Lieutenant-Colonel McDonald, Majors Glegg and Givens that their zealous exertions have made too deep an impression upon his mind ever to be forgotten.

The conduct of the Indians under the command of Colonel Elliot, Captain McKee and the other officers of that department, joined to that of the gallant and brave chiefs of their respective tribes, has since the commencement of the war been marked with acts of true heroism and in nothing can they testify more strongly their love to their great father than in following the dictates of honor and humanity by which they have hitherto been actuated; two fortresses have already been captured from the enemy, without a drop of blood being shed by the hands of the Indians, the instant the enemy submitted his life became sacred.

By order,

(Signed) J. B. GLEGG, A.D.C.

D.G.O. HEADQUARTERS, FORT GEORGE, 27th August, 1812.

Lieutenant Fowler, 41st Regiment, is appointed Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General to the forces in Upper Canada from the 24th inst. until further orders.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 27th August, 1812.

The detachment of the 49th Foot, under the command of Major Ormsby, will march to Fort Erie on Sunday morning at daylight, there to be stationed until further orders. Immediately on its arrival at Fort Erie, the detachment of the 41st Regiment under the command of Captain Derenzy, will march to Fort George, leaving one subaltern, two sergeants and thirty rank and file at Chippewa.

The Commissariat will provide the necessary conveyance for the baggage upon the movement taking place, of which they will be made acquainted by the officers commanding the respective detachments and the Barrack Master will make the necessary arrangements for their reception at the different posts.

The Major-General commanding impresses upon the officers in Barracks that under existing circumstances they must not expect the indulgence of additional quarters, they must in the first instance be confined strictly to the regulations requiring rooms and if requisite be prepared for doubling up.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 28th August, 1812.

Major-General Broek having been pleased to order the formation of a company of people of colour of which Robert Runchy is appointed to command with rank and pay of captain for the time, the said company may be embodied.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 31st August, 1812.

The Detachment of the 49th Regiment on board of *Glouster*, under the command of Captain Wall will disembark immediately and occupy the Quarters at Navy Hall. This detachment will hold itself in readiness to march for Fort Erie on Wednesday morning at daylight, the Commissariat will provide the necessary conveyance for their baggage.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 1st September, 1812.

The 41st Regiment will take the whole of the garrison duties until further orders.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 2nd September, 1812.

The Detachment of the 49th Regiment on board the *Royal George* and *Earl Moira*, under the command of Major Plenderleath will disembark this forenoon and until further orders will occupy the council house and store at Navy Hall.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

Heads of Departments and Officers commanding corps will attend at the Government House at 11 o'clock this day.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O. FORT GEORGE, 3rd September, 1812.

No. 1. Captain Chambers, of the 41st Regiment, will resume the command of the second division stationed at Queenston on Monday, 7th inst.

Captain Saunders will immediately afterwards join that part of the 41st Regiment stationed at Fort George.

2. Civilians and aliens taken upon suspicion, or for having committed offences liable to military cognizance, are to be brought to Fort Major Kemble to whom every necessary information concerning them is to be given, and he will report their cases without delay to the officer commanding that he may receive his further directions thereon.

3. Hospital Mate Steel will proceed and do duty with the division stationed at Fort Erie and Acting Surgeon Moore, 41st

Regiment, will on Mr. Steel's arrival proceed to join the division of his regiment at Fort George.

Acting Staff-Surgeon Thom will give any further necessary directions to these officers.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 4th September, 1812.

No. 1. The Detachment of the 49th Regiment, will take their share of the garrison duties at Fort George, agreeable to their strength.

2. An intelligent person from heads of Departments, Corps and Detachments will attend every day at 2 o'clock at the orderly room in the Fort for the purpose of receiving orders.

Captain Vigereaux will be pleased to order a person in attendance at the hour pointed out in the D.G.O. of the 5th ultimo to receive the men and point the fatigues, for the performance of which the party is furnished.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 5th Sept., 1812.

An intention of renewing hostilities having been declared by the General commanding the forces of the United States, the Armistice will terminate at noon on the 8th inst; after which the most active operations may be expected on the part of the enemy, to counteract which, the utmost vigilance and activity will be requisite and are confidently expected.

Commanders of Corps by personal inspection will immediately ascertain the state of their arms, accoutrements and equipment in general, and whatever may be requisite to put them in a fit state for active service it is to be provided with all possible expedition.

Returns of the ammunition in the possession of each corps and requisitions for such articles as they may want from any of the departments are to be sent to Headquarters without delay.

The Major-General will inspect the part of the 41st Regiment stationed at Fort George at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon in marching order, after which he will inspect the flank companies of the 49th Regiment in similar order. He also proposes inspecting the Corps of Militia and other troops of the line in the district, the periods for which will hereafter be notified.

By order,

(*Signed*) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D. G. O.

FORT GEORGE, 4th Sept., 1812.

It having fallen under the observation of Major-General Brock that a considerable portion of the men of the Newfoundland Regiment doing duty on board the vessel of war on Lake Ontario, are by no means calculated for that service, it is his order that Colonel Vincent may be pleased to take the earliest opportunity of selecting from that corps in the district under his command such men as appear the most efficient for the performance of that important duty, as well as from their bodily strength, as from the knowledge of the particular service in which they are to be employed. Lieutenant King, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General at Kingston, will, with officers commanding the vessels, make a minute inspection of the men now on board them, and report thereon to Colonel Vincent, furnishing him with the names and companies of those whom they consider as unfit for their present situations, in order that they may be exchanged for those more effective.

Major-General Brock having observed that the system of discipline amongst the men of the Newfoundland Regiment on board the vessels of war on Lake Ontario is extremely relaxed and irregular, he calls upon the officers to use their

utmost exertions to render them perfectly effective, and by their own personal efforts and example to support the Officers of the Marine in establishing that energy and zeal on board the several vessels, which can alone ensure success against the enemy in the moments of trial.

The Major-General commanding having witnessed the most shameful blasphemy on board the vessels without it being noticed by the officers, he desires that those of the Newfoundland Regiment and of the Marine do use their best endeavors to put a stop to so disgraceful a practice; and he is pleased to order that Divine Service be regularly performed by an officer on board each vessel every Sunday.

(Note on margin states that "This D.G.O. is by Major-General Sheaffe.")

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 7th Sept., 1812.

All officers and soldiers belonging to the different corps stationed at Fort George not employed on other duties are directed to attend the works going on in the Garrison until they shall be completed.

THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 8th Sept., 1812.

Captain Williams, of the 49th Regiment, with the light company under his command, will march from Chippewa to-morrow morning at daylight for the camp at Queenston, where he will be stationed till further orders. Captain Chambers with the whole of the detachment of the 41st Regiment will march from Queenston to Chippewa at 3 o'clock to-morrow evening. Captain Bullock will select sixty men of the 41st Regiment and order them to march early to-morrow in charge

of a subaltern to the head of Navy Island; application will be made to Deputy Assistant Quartermaster Fowler for quarters for this Detachment.

Major Plenderleath is appointed to command the whole of the forces from Browns on this side Queenston to the Falls, the troops at both of these posts included.

Captain Chambers on his arrival at Chippawa, will, himself proceed to the head of Navy Island and assume the command of the troops stationed at that post.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 8th Sept., 1812.

Major-General Brock was disposed to view the Armistice as the forerunner of a restoration of peace and amity with the United States, the pretext on which their declaration of war was chiefly founded having been removed by the British Government and an opening offered by it to an adjustment of all differences of minor importance between the two countries; but in vain has Great Britain thus held out the hand of conciliation. it has been rejected. The President of the United States having thought fit to direct their troops to resort again to active warfare and what motive can now exist for his authorizing a renewal of hostilities at the time too (as is confidently asserted) that he has sent an ambassador to treat for peace. Is it to facilitate its attainment, that he, by his own voluntary act, places two countries in a situation to inflict mutually the horrors of war, thereby to have their minds more embittered towards each other; perhaps he may imagine that by conquest on the side of Canada he can indemnify the United States, for the loss to which they are exposed on the Atlantic side from the superiority of the naval power of Great Britain, and that with a proportion of her Provinces in their possession more favorable

terms would be obtained for negotiating for peace. But the militia of the Province have too just and manly a sense of what they owe to their own personal dignity and independence to submit to be disposed of at the will of the Chief Magistrate of any foreign country, they will not sink to the degradation of being unresistingly a weight to be thrown by his hand into the scale. Such baseness belongs not to them, they have already offered to the world an instance of what can be effected by the aid of their loyalty and valour, and Major-General Brock relies with confidence on their continued exertion of those ennobling qualities for defeating any designs on this Province, and for contributing no less honorably for themselves than useful to their families to their King and country towards bringing the contest, in which the implacable enmity of the American Government has engaged us to a favorable issue.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 9th Sept., 1812.

Captain Saunders is substituted for Captain Chambers in command of the forces stationed at the head of Navy Island as expressed in D. G. O. of 8th September and will proceed to Queenston without delay. Captain Chambers will return to headquarters at Fort George.

His Honor the President has been pleased to confer the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on Major Plenderleath, 49th Regiment, during the local service on which he is employed.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 9th Sept., 1812.

No. 1. The detachment of the York Militia under the command of Capt. Cameron, will march forthwith to Brown's Point where quarters are prepared for their reception, the

Deputy Commissary General will be pleased to furnish a waggon for the conveyance of their baggage.

2. The Deputy Commissary General will give directions that the whole of the scarlet and other cloth for military purposes and all military appointments in the possession of the commissariat now in store in York may be brought over to Fort George by the first opportunity.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 11th Sept., 1812.

No. 1. Major-General Gordon and Mr. Conductor Bryson, of the Field Train Department, will be allowed forage for one horse each on furnishing the usual certificate.

2. The attention of heads of departments and officers commanding Corps, is called to the D.G.O. No. 4 of the 22nd July.

3. Commanding Officers of Corps, Detachments, etc., are directed to adopt every possible precaution for turning out their men at a moment's warning, either by night or day; for this purpose it is essentially necessary that each man's arms and appointments should be so arranged that in case of alarm he might know where to seize on them in an instant. It is also of the utmost importance that the officers of the militia generally should satisfy themselves that the arms of the men are at all times in good and efficient order.

4. One subaltern, one sergeant, one corporal and twelve privates from the Militia stationed at Fort George to be furnished a guard over the Batteaux at two mile Creek, their duty will be to furnish sentries and patrols for the protection of the Batteaux and coast during the night.

By order, (Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 13th Sept., 1812.

Lieutenant-Colonel Short and Lieutenant Taylor, 41st Regiment, with the detachments of the 41st and 49th Regiments as

previously ordered, will embark on board the *Earl of Moira* this day at two o'clock, the Darlington Company of Militia, stationed at Brown's Point, will march so as to arrive at Fort George to embark at the same time; the necessary boats will be furnished by the Quartermaster General's Department.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 14th Sept., 1812.

Appointments in the Commissariat from 25th June, Militia, Jacob Natharvit to be storekeeper at Queenston at 4s. 8d. per day.

Edward Hartney to be clerk at York at 5s. per day, Chas. Van Kenin to be issuer at Fort George at 2s. 6d. per day.

Whenever a corps or detachment is ordered to march from one station to another or to embark or disembark within the Province, the officers commanding such corps or detachment will immediately transmit to Lieutenant-Colonel Myers, the Deputy Quartermaster-General and to the Brigade Major, an exact return of the number to move agreeable to such order.

Mr. Augustus Thompson is attached to the 49th Regiment as a volunteer and will do duty with the detachment of that corps stationed at Fort George.

Mr. S. Jarvis is attached to the 49th Regiment as a volunteer and will do duty with the detachment stationed at Queenston.

Departments, staff and other officers of the line stationed within the limits of the upper Province and entitled to forage for horses, will transmit returns for the same to the 24th at Fort George, addressed to Lieutenant-Colonel Myers, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, and will henceforth continue to do so at the regular periods until further orders.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 16th Sept., 1812.

No. 1. The detachments of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, arrived in the *Royal George*, will disembark without delay; the Deputy Quartermaster General will furnish the boats for this service, and will fix a spot for their encampment when landed.

2. In cases of alarm a blue pennant will be hoisted on the flag staff at Fort George, and a field gun fired from one of the batteries; if by night a lanthorn and a gun, on which being done, every officer in command will repair to his post and be ready with the men to act according to circumstances and the orders which they shall receive from their superior officers; Captain Holcroft, of the Royal Artillery, will be pleased to give such directions as in his judgment will ensure most prompt attention to the making of the above signals when necessary.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 17th Sept., 1812.

The detachment of the 10th R. V. B.,* arrived from Kingston, will march this morning for Chippewa and will proceed to-morrow morning for Fort Erie, where they will embark on board the *Queen Charlotte*, the Deputy Quartermaster General will provide the requisite means for the conveyance of their baggage, etc.

Major-General Sheaffe will inspect the detachment of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at 3 o'clock this day, in marching order, at the garrison at Fort George.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

*10th R.V.B. Royal Veterans Battalion.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 18th Sept., 1812.

No. 1. An arrangement having been entered into between Major-General Brock and Major-General Van Rosselear (Van Rensselaer), commanding the American forces stationed on the Niagara Frontier for the mutual prevention of so unmilitary and degrading a practice as that of individuals indiscriminately firing across the river without orders:—

The Major-General henceforth positively forbids a continuation of such practices, and calls upon officers in command of posts to give directions to every individual under their orders, that no one can plead ignorance of the Major-General's intentions and instructions on this head. The officers in charge of the Indian Department will take every pains to explain and prevent the Indians from a commission of this wanton practice.

2. The detachment of the Royal Newfoundland, stationed at Fort George, will take their proportion of the duty and fatigues of the garrison; an effective return of their strength will be sent to the Brigade Majors this evening and an intelligent person will attend at the orderly room in the garrison every evening at 2 o'clock for the purpose of receiving orders.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

X.D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 20th Sept., 1812.

No. 1. The Grenadier Company of the 49th Regiment will hold itself in readiness to march in an hour's notice for Queenston, where it will remain under orders of Lieut.-Col. Plenderleath.

2. Sixty men of the 41st Regiment under the direction of Lieut. Bullock will march for Chippewa, and on their arrival at that place Captain Bullock will be pleased to strengthen the detachment stationed at the head of Navy Island under Captain Saunders, with 20 additional men from the 41st Regiment.

3. Captain Selby's company of York Militia will hold itself

in immediate readiness to march to Brown's Point.* The Deputy Quartermaster-General will be pleased to signify the route of march and point out the quarters to be occupied by the above detachment, the Commissariat will provide for the necessary conveyance for the baggage.

4. A Board of Survey to assemble at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning at the Barrack Master's quarters for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of damage done to barrack articles.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 20th Sept., 1812.

No. 1. The Major-General Commanding most earnestly calls the attention of the officers in command of divisions, and that of the officers in general, to the state of the men's arms, ammunition, and appointment under their immediate superintendence as he expects every soldier, whether of the line or militia, will be at all times in the most efficient state in this essential particular, and every way prepared to meet the enemy's attack should he venture to make it.

2. The Major-General trusts that the officers in charge of the different divisions use their best exertions in forwarding the drill of the several detachments of militia placed under their orders, and that the non-commissioned officers and men selected by them from the line for this important duty are very qualified to give the instruction required.

3. It is expected that officers in command of companies both of the line and militia are provided with orderly books, and that the orders are regularly read to the men, in conformity to No. 3 of the D. G. O. of the 31st July.

The Major-General cannot too strongly impress on the minds of the several commanders the necessity of their attention and punctuality in this part of their duty.

*Probably near Stamford, where the road branched toward the Falls passing Brown's at an angle. Barracks not far distant covered the road leading to interior.

4. The Major-General acknowledges with thanks the willing manner in which that portion of the troops stationed at Fort George have contributed by their exertions to the accomplishment of the present works established there, and directs that in future as small a number as possible may be furnished in finishing them, in order that the militia last joined may have the opportunity of perfecting themselves in their drill.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 22nd Sept., 1812.

The Major-General Commanding returns his particular thanks to the militia for the handsome manner in which they have on all occasions volunteered their services for duties of fatigue, and is pleased to direct that for the present, service for such duty shall be dispensed with.

No. 2. Colonel Claus will give the necessary directions for the hour and place of drill for the militia, and Sergts. Lyons, 41st Regiment, and Thomas, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, will attend as instructors at the hours pointed out by Colonel Claus; the 41st will also furnish a second non-commissioned officer capable of instructing the men for this particular duty.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 25th Sept., 1812.

No. 1. Major Merritt will be pleased to furnish daily an orderly dragoon to be at the Brigade Major's office by 12 o'clock each day for the transmission of orders, etc. Heads of departments, officers in command of corps and others having letters on the public service to forward to any part of the line betwixt this post and Fort Erie, and to Amherstburg and Detroit will send to the Brigade Major's office any time before half past 11 o'clock. Officers in command of divisions and posts

stationed along the line will avail themselves of this orderly express to forward their communications to headquarters.

No. 2. Until further orders the tattoo will beat at 8 o'clock in the evening.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 27th Sept., 1812.

No. 1. The Major-General having observed great deficiencies in the ammunition issued generally to the troops of the militia, he cannot too strongly impress on the minds of the officers commanding divisions the necessity of their explaining to the men under their orders, that at a period like the present a greater military offence cannot possibly be committed than a careless negligence or wilful waste of any ammunition that may be delivered out to them for the use of the public service.

2. Whenever cartridges may be injured by wet or otherwise the balls of such cartridges will be carefully preserved and sent in with an account of their number to the ordnance storekeeper, who will give a receipt for the same.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 29th Sept., 1812.

Until further orders the Grand Rounds will go their rounds betwixt the hours of 10 and 2 o'clock, and the visiting rounds betwixt 2 and 5 in the morning.

By order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B. Major.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 30th Sept., 1812.

A subaltern and 30 privates, with a due proportion of non-commissioned officers of the 41st Regiment, will march this day, immediately after the men have dined, for Chippewa. On

the arrival of this detachment at Chippewa Captain Bullock will detach one subaltern, 2 sergts., and 40 rank and file of the 41st Regiment to Millers,* where they will receive their further orders from Major-General Shaw. The Deputy Quartermaster General will be pleased to have the necessary conveyance prepared for the carriage of the baggage of this detachment.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 1st Oct., 1812.

The Major-General Commanding forbids the practice of individuals firing in the swamp, or in any other place within the limits and neighborhood of the garrison.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 2nd Oct., 1812.

No. 1. Major-General Sheaffe, having noticed in the reports frequent inattention of the visiting rounds in not visiting the different batteries established at the head of the lake, he trusts that in future they will be more exact in their performance of this essential part of their duty.

2. Until further orders one third of the troops off duty will sleep in their clothes fully accoutered and ready to turn out at a moment's notice.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 5th Oct., 1812.

Quartermaster-sergeant Pointer, of the 49th Regiment, is appointed to act as barrack master at Fort Erie with an allowance of 1s. 6d. per day.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

*Millers' store between Palmer's and Fort Erie, on the line of communication.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 6th Oct., 1812.

No. 1. Until further orders the regular troops and militia force in this command are to be under arms in their quarters at the first break of day, and are not to be dismissed till broad daylight and distant objects seen. The guards are to turn out and mount as usual, and the strictest attention is enjoined to the order requiring one-third of the men in quarters to be clothed and accoutered during the night with their arms at hand, in readiness to turn out in a moment's warning, which commanders of corps or detachments are directed to regulate in such a manner as to avoid, as much as may be practicable, including men for guards in that number.

2. The 41st Regiment will give up the quarters lately occupied as a hospital to the detachment of the Newfoundland Regiment, who will occupy it this evening.

The commanding officer of the 41st Regiment will distribute his men in the most convenient manner in the barracks now occupied until additional rooms can be appropriated for them.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 8th Oct., 1812.

The undermentioned gentlemen are appointed volunteers in his Majesty's regular forces from the period specified opposite their respective names, they will continue to do duty with the 41st Regiment until further orders.

Henry Proctor, gentleman, 1st July, 1812; Alexander Wilkinson, 1st July, — Richardson, 9th July.

THOS. EVANS, B.M.

Surgeons at the several posts where hospitals are established will receive from the Commissariat stores as much fresh beef as they may judge necessary for the use of the sick.

The remainder of the rations due to the sick will be left in

store and paid for to the surgeons at the contract prices. For the future $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce of salt will be added to the rations of the fresh meat.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 9th Oct., 1812.

The flank companies of the Newfoundland Regiment will march at 2 o'clock to-morrow morning for Fort Erie, and on their arrival there will receive further orders from Major-General Shaw; the Deputy Quartermaster General will have the requisite conveyance ready for the carriage of their baggage. The 41st Regiment will relieve the men of the Newfoundland on duty after the men have dined this day.

THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, Oct. 9th, 1812.

Officers in command of the several divisions will call for from officers in command of corps and detachments serving under their orders, a return of armourers belonging to the same, which will be transmitted to the Brigade Major's office without delay.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 12th Oct., 1812.

Major-General Brock directs that no communication be held with the enemy by flag of truce or otherwise than by his special permission unless such an occurrence should arise as to render delay prejudicial to the service, of which officers commanding posts are to be the sole judges. It is understood that in the boat captured on the morning of the 9th from the enemy, arms of various descriptions were found which have not been accounted for. Major-General Shaw will institute the necessary inquiry and retain them for the Major-General's disposal, and

it must be clearly understood by every officer and soldier that all property taken from the enemy must be reported to the Major-General before they can be applied to any purpose, and that arms in particular are at all times to be returned for the public service.

Major-General Brock receives Major-General Shaw's report of the spirited conduct of the troops of the militia on the morning of the 9th with the utmost satisfaction. Cornet Pill Major was particularly conspicuous, and he has much pleasure to find that the wounds he received on that occasion are not likely to deprive the service very long of his gallant exertions.

THOS. EVANS, B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 13th Oct., 1812.

A cessation of firing having been agreed on by Major-General Sheaffe and Major-General Van Ransselear, commanding the American troops at Lewiston, etc., for 3 days ending on Friday, the 16th inst., at 4 o'clock p.m. The officers commanding the several posts on the line will regulate their conduct accordingly.

THOS. EVANS. B.M.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 14th Oct., 1812.

A return of the general and regimental staff officers, also one from the different corps and detachments engaged in the action of the 13th Oct., of the killed, wounded, and missing will be immediately sent in to the Brigade Major's office.

THOS. EVANS.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 14th Oct., 1812.

Major-General Sheaffe offers his best thanks to the troops for the bravery and good conduct so eminently displayed by all ranks and descriptions in the action of yesterday, which terminated in the complete overthrow of the enemy, their General

with many officers and about 800 men having been made prisoners, and a considerable number killed and wounded, and a stand of colors and 6 prisoners taken.

This brilliant success is, however, clouded by the ever-to-be-lamented death of Major-General Brock, who gloriously fell whilst foremost in the ranks gallantly cheering his troops whilst opposing far superior numbers. The zeal, ability, and valour with which he served his King and country render this a public loss which must be long deplored, and his memory will live in the hearts and affections of those who had an opportunity of being acquainted with his private worth.

Major-General Sheaffe has also to regret that Lieut.-Col. McDonald, aide-de-camp to Major-General Brock, whose gallantry and spirit rendered him worthy of his chief, received a wound in the action, and which there is reason to fear will prove mortal.

All arms, accoutrements, ammunition, and articles whatever of a public nature taken from the enemy in the action of yesterday to be delivered into the ordnance store without delay.

In consequence of the death of Major-General Brock, the command of his Majesty's troops serving in U. Canada devolves on Major-General Sheaffe, to whom all reports and communications will be made accordingly.

Lieut.-Col. Myers will take upon himself the superintendance of the troops of the line from Fort George to Chippewa inclusive, all reports and details for that portion of the Niagara district to be made to him and for the greater facility and despatch of the public service Major-General Shaw, acting as Col. of Militia, and commanding between Chippewa and the Sugar Loaf, will be pleased to report to and communicate with Major-General Sheaffe through Lt.-Col. Myers as Deputy Quartermaster-General.

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

*Sugar Loaf a conical hill north side Lake Erie.

D.G.O.

FORT GEORGE, 16th Oct., 1812.

A prolongation of the cessation of hostilities having been agreed upon between Major-General Sheaffe and Major-General Van Ransselear for an undefined period, the officers commanding posts along the line will strictly govern themselves accordingly until further orders.

Captain Glegg, 49th Regiment, aide-de-camp to the late Major-General Brock, will be pleased to act in that capacity with Major-General Sheaffe until further orders; Lt. Wm. Kerr, of the Glengy. Lt. Infantry, when his duty of assistant engineer will permit will attach himself to Lieut.-Col. Myers, and will receive his directions.

By Order,

(Signed) THOS. EVANS, B.M.

General Brock's last instructions to Officers Commanding Forts.

This MS. is labelled:—“ 1812. Instructions sent to Officers commanding Forts, by Major-General Brock, some days prior to the attack on Queenston.”

Should the enemy determine on a serious invasion of this part of the Province, it appears likely to me (now that the season is so far advanced as to render any attempt to turn either of our flanks extremely dangerous) that his principal attack will be made between Fort Erie and *Palmer's*.* He may at the same time attract our attention by sending a small force in light gun boats up the channel between Navy and Grand Island with a view likewise of impeding our retreat to Chip-

* Notes, p. 2, Palmer's Tavern not far from Black Creek on a creek opposite Grand Is.

pewa, but I cannot imagine that a force of any magnitude will attempt in crowded boats to stem so strong a current, and expose itself to an attack in that situation.

The imminent danger which boats liable to attack from our batteries would encounter from the rapidity of the waters, and vicinity of the Falls, in crossing from the north point of Navy Island, would almost lead one to conclude that no officer could be found hardy enough to direct an enterprise from that quarter. But if we weigh well the character of our enemy we shall find him more disposed to brave the impediments of nature when they afford a probability of accomplishing his end by surprise in preference to the certainty of encountering British troops ready formed for his reception.

The prospect of success by this route is not only more probable than the tedious course of the south channel, but the incitements to undertake it are so great, that no officer will allow himself to be lulled into security, under pretense, by the evident risk attending such an attempt.

Once in complete possession of both sides of the Chippewa the enemy would obtain an advantage, not only as it regards military operations, but likewise over the feelings of the militia that might be productive of fatal consequences. It is, therefore, our first object to prevent by every means such an occurrence—so long as he is confined between Fort Erie and the river we may confidently look for hourly support, but if allowed to spread, the disaffected will assume a tone and posture that cannot fail to operate in deterring the loyal from active exertions.

Should the enemy, however, reject such a hazardous mode of attack and confine his operations, as has already been suggested, to the upper part of the river, under cover of his artillery, the officer in command will, of course, oppose him to the utmost in his endeavors to obtain a footing, but should he be at length compelled to retire, he will, if practicable, fall back upon Chippewa disputing manfully every step. The nature of

the ground is particularly favorable for a small force to impede the rapid advance of any number. The several detachments stationed along that line will arrive in rotation to his support, and will enable him to check the enemy until such a force is collected as cannot fail making him repent his temerity.

Sufficient attention has not been paid to ensure the destruction in case of necessity of the numerous bridges upon that communication.

Should the troops composing the garrison of Fort Erie be cut off and prevented joining and retreating with the detachment stationed at the Ferry side, the officer commanding will be left in a situation requiring his utmost prudence and activity. He will have either to annoy the enemy as he advances, or to retire before a superior force; the fort is only tenable against musketry, it will therefore be most expedient to give up the place rather than expose the troops to capture. The back road leading to Palmers has, of course, been minutely examined, and although, at this season very bad, may afford a safe retreat. Temporary footbridges might likewise be constructed near such places along the skirts of the wood as are otherwise impassable, this precaution may be the means of preserving the detachment.

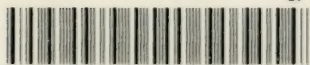
An alarm from the right will not induce the force at Navy Island to move until it be ascertained that no attack is meditated in that direction, and measures are taken to station sufficient parties to watch narrowly the approach of any enemy.

The possession of and safety of Chippewa must be considered a primary object, consequently only such portions of its force will march as can with perfect safety be spared.

On the contrary the troops quartered on the road between Queenston and Chippewa will repair thither with the utmost rapidity on the first alarm, and half of the force at Queenston will follow the same route without waiting for further orders.

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